

**Regular Session Minutes – Selectmen’s Meeting  
Selectmen’s Meeting Room, Town Hall  
Monday, September 8, 2014, 7:30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Margot R. Fleischman, Chair, William S. Moonan, Caroline Fedele, Michael A. Rosenberg, Mark Siegenthaler, and Town Manager Richard T. Reed

**ALSO PRESENT:** Attorney Mark Vaughn, Riemer/Braunstein; Loomis Street Development, LLC Matt Blackham; Lincoln Liquors Owner Richard Aronovitz; Finance Committee Chair Stephen Steele; Genetti’s Wine & Spirits Owner Andrew Borella; Attorney Pam Brown, Brown and Brown P.C.; Amy Lloyd Planning Board; Brad Hafer and Michael McAllister School Committee; Rich Bowen Finance Committee; Cathy and Ron Cordes, 3 Jeffrey Circle; Public Works Director Roy Sorenson; Town Engineer Adrienne St. John; Finance Director Victor Garofalo; Fire Chief David Grunes; State Representative Ken Gordon; State Senator Michael Barrett; James Shea, 30 Independence Road; Julie Turner, Mary McBride and Elizabeth Hacala, Press Representatives; Brian Dorrington, Bedford TV

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Chair Fleischman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**15-48            Public Hearing - Transfer of All Alcohol Package Store License  
Genetti’s Wine & Spirits Inc. to Mall Liquors, Inc. d/b/a Lincoln  
Liquors  
170 The Great Road**

**Mr. Rosenberg made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Mr. Siegenthaler seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 5-0-0.**

Attorney Pamela Brown of Brown and Brown P.C. addressed the Selectmen. Ms. Brown represents Richard Aronovitz of Lincoln Liquors. Mr. Aronovitz is in the process of purchasing Genetti’s Wine and Spirits. Ms. Brown stated that the current owner, Andrew Borella, was retiring and had been looking to have his establishment purchased. Ms. Brown stated that Mr. Aronovitz currently owns liquor stores in Framingham and Billerica and is an active member in those communities. Mr. Aronovitz has a “No Tolerance” policy that his employees sign upon hire to assure that identification is checked whenever a customer purchases alcohol.

Mr. Rosenberg asked Mr. Aronovitz if he would retain the name Genetti’s Wine & Spirits. Mr. Aronovitz stated that initially the name would remain unchanged. Going forward, Mr. Aronovitz said he would change the name to Lincoln Liquors.

**Mr. Moonan made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Mr. Rosenberg seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 5-0-0.**

**Mr. Rosenberg made a motion to approve the transfer of All Alcohol Package Store License from Genetti's Wine & Spirits Inc. to Mall Liquors, Inc. d/b/a Lincoln Liquors. Ms. Fedele seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 5-0-0.**

**15-49            Alcoholic Beverage License Premise Modification  
                    Amendment to Original Request  
                    The Great Wall – 309B The Great Road**

Ms. Brown spoke to the Selectmen to request a modification to a previously approved renovation to The Great Wall restaurant. Ms. Brown reminded the Selectmen that on May 27, 2014, they approved the addition of a sushi bar to The Great Wall restaurant. The Great Wall has since decided to not add the sushi bar but rather extend the counter of the service bar.

Mr. Siegenthaler asked if a table would be put in place of the area where the proposed sushi bar was to be added. Ms. Brown said yes a table would be added but it would be moved if necessary for larger functions at the restaurant.

**Ms. Fedele made a motion to amend the modification of premises for the Great Wall at the 309B The Great Road previously approved at the May 27<sup>th</sup> Selectmen's Meeting so as to eliminate the proposed separate sushi counter with seven (7) seats and restore the one round table with six (6) seats that would have been eliminated. Mr. Moonan seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 5-0-0.**

**15-57            Minutes  
                    Regular Session Minutes – August 25, 2014**

**Mr. Moonan made a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes from August 25, 2014 as amended. Mr. Rosenberg seconded the motion. Ms. Fedele abstained.**

**The motion passed 4-0-1.**

**15-50            Sewer Betterment Fee Deferral Request  
                    Loomis Street Development, LLC  
                    54 Loomis Street**

Attorney Mark Vaughn from Riemer/Braunstein spoke to the Selectmen on behalf of his client, Loomis Street Development, LLC. Mr. Vaughn stated that his client is in the process of renovating the property at 54 Loomis Street to include 19 residential units as well as street level commercial and retail space. Mr. Vaughn requested that the Selectmen grant a deferral in for the collection of the Sewer Betterment fee until the 19 residential units are ready for the final building inspection. Mr. Vaughn stated that this would benefit his client and safeguard the Town as the final inspection would not be completed until the sewer betterment fee was collected.

Town Manager Richard Reed stated that the sewer betterment fee would be approximately \$100,000 of which \$95,000 would be for the 19 units and \$5,000 for other inspection fees and water connection to those residential units.

Ms. Fedele asked what the timeframe would be for this proposed deferment. Mr. Reed stated it would be 6-7 months.

**Mr. Moonan made a motion that the Selectmen approve of the payment deferral for sewer betterment fees related to Loomis Street Development, LLC's project at 54 Loomis Street such that payment be made prior to scheduling the final inspection of the first completed residential unit. Mr. Rosenberg seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 5-0-0.**

**15-51            Presentation from State Representative Ken Gordon and State  
                      Senator Michael Barrett  
                      Financial Aid for the Education of Hanscom Air Force Base Students**

State Representative Ken Gordon and State Senator Michael Barrett presented the Selectmen and members of the School Committee with signed framed copies of Chapter 173 which authorizes the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to reimburse qualifying municipalities for Federal Military Reservation students. This new chapter, signed by Governor Deval Patrick, allows for \$1.3 million per year to be dispersed to cities and towns in Massachusetts that have military installations. Bedford will receive at least \$517,000 per year for Hanscom Air Force Base students that attend the Bedford Public Schools.

State Representative Gordon thanked the Selectmen, School Committee and Finance Department for their efforts in getting this bill passed.

State Senator Barrett congratulated State Representative Gordon on his contributions. State Senator Barrett went on to praise the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for being responsive to the Town's and Military's request on behalf of the students.

Chair Fleischman thanked Representative Gordon and Senator Barrett for their hard work in accomplishing this goal. Chair Fleischman stated that this was the Selectmen's number one priority for 2014 and they are pleased to see it come to fruition.

**15-56            Massport Authority Advisory Committee  
                      Discussion of Town Representation**

Mr. Reed updated the Selectmen on designating a Town Representative for the Massport Authority Advisory Committee. Massport is in the process of expanding the Committee to include towns and cities that have airports under Massport's jurisdiction. Mr. Reed outlined the qualifications Massport was seeking for Town Representatives: knowledge of Airport or Port Operations, Environmental Affairs, Labor Relations and/or Public Health. Mr. Reed informed the Selectmen that Board of Health Director Heidi Porter agreed to serve on this Committee until such time as another candidate might be

found. Mr. Reed asked the Selectmen to make a motion to nominate Heidi Porter to this Committee.

Chair Fleischman stated that Ms. Porter would be an ideal representative as she has an Environmental and Public Health background.

**Mr. Siegenthaler made a motion to designate Board of Health Director Heidi Porter as the Town of Bedford's representative to the Massport Authority Advisory Committee. Ms. Fedeles seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 5-0-0.**

## **15-58      Town Manager's Report**

Mr. Reed informed the Selectmen he would present them with a draft of the Warrant for Special Town Meeting at the next Selectmen's Meeting. Mr. Reed anticipates 14-16 articles on the Warrant assuming that the Charter amendments could be encompassed in one article. Mr. Reed went on to say that if the Charter amendments are passed, there would also be Town General Bylaw amendments as well.

Mr. Reed stated that the Town was asked to host a Massachusetts Municipal Association Legislative breakfast. The breakfast will be held on October 17th at the Old Town Hall. Mr. Reed requested the Selectmen attend the breakfast.

Mr. Reed presented the Selectmen with a memo from the Volunteer Coordinating Committee (VCC). It is the VCC's recommendation that the Affirmative Action Monitoring Committee be disbanded. The Committee currently has two vacancies thus having only one sitting member. Mr. Reed informed the Selectmen that this Committee was established more than 25 years ago through the Town's Affirmative Action Plan. All municipalities were once required by executive order to have an Affirmative Action Plan. Mr. Reed stated that a later administration replaced the executive order and no longer required municipalities to have such a plan.

Mr. Rosenberg thought it would be prudent to have this topic discussed at the next Selectmen's Meeting. Mr. Rosenberg felt that disbanding any Committee should be done with the Town's knowledge and input. Mr. Moonan concurred and asked if there was any urgency in making a decision. Mr. Reed said that delaying a decision until the next Selectmen's Meeting would be fine.

## **15-52      Athletic Field Permit Fees Proposed Amendment**

At the request of Mr. Rosenberg, Mr. Reed presented the Selectmen with the amended Athletic Field Permit Fees. Mr. Rosenberg stated that he personally reached out to the representatives of the three major youth sports organizations that historically use the fields the most. Mr. Rosenberg wanted to get their feedback on the new permit fees and to make them aware that they had been approved by the Selectmen. Mr. Rosenberg stated that the feedback he received was positive.

Ms. Fedele asked if there was to be a maximum charge per family. Chair Fleischman said she believed the youth organizations implemented a cap for families. Mr. Rosenberg said while it was an important question to address, he felt it best handled at the Administrative level.

**15-53            Vehicle Purchases**  
**One All-Wheel Drive four door utility vehicle – Colonial Ford,**  
**Plymouth, MA**  
**One 19,500 GVWR Dump Truck – Imperial Municipal Partners,**  
**Milford, MA**

Public Works Director Roy Sorenson presented the Selectmen with two Vehicle Purchase requests. Mr. Sorenson stated that these would be the last vehicles purchased for Fiscal Year 2015.

The first vehicle is a Dump Truck to be used by the Public Works Department. The second will be an All-Wheel Drive utility vehicle for the Police Department.

Mr. Moonan asked what had been designated for these vehicles at Town Meeting. Mr. Sorenson said that \$68,048 had been allocated for the Dump Truck. The lowest bid received was for \$73,000 but with a trade in, the price was lowered to \$61,500. Mr. Sorenson went on to state that \$42,000 had been designated for the All-Wheel Drive utility vehicle. The lowest bid was \$27,515 with a trade in of \$2,300 bringing the cost down to \$25,215. Mr. Sorenson said that it would be an additional \$7,000 to outfit the All-Wheel Drive utility vehicle bringing the total cost up to \$32,000.

Mr. Moonan thanked Mr. Sorenson for the timeliness in making these purchases.

**Mr. Moonan made a motion to approve the replacement of one (1) 19,500 GVWR Dump Truck to Imperial Ford, 154 East Main Street, Milford, MA 01757 at the net bid price of \$61,500.00. Funding for this purchase exists in the FY2015 Vehicle and Equipment Replacement, Article 17-18/15, Account 001.4000.5780.8084. Ms. Fedele seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 5-0-0.**

**Mr. Moonan made a motion to approve the replacement of one (1) All-Wheel Drive Four Door Utility to Colonial Ford, 147 Samoset Street, Plymouth, MA 02360 at the net bid price of \$25,215.00. Funding for this purchase exists in the FY2015 Vehicle and Equipment Replacement, Article 17-18/15, Account 001.4000.5780.8084. Ms. Fedele seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 5-0-0.**

**15-58            Town Manager's Report – Continued**

Mr. Reed and Town Engineer Adrienne St. John spoke to the Selectmen about the presence of Coliform (bacteria) recently found in the Town's water system. Ms. St. John stated that there had been significant progress in eradicating this issue over the past couple of years. There were 165 hits of Coliform in 2012. After using a mobile

disinfectant truck from the MWRA, flushing the system, cleaning standpipes and using tape mixers, the number of hits in 2013 dropped dramatically to 60.

Ms. St. John went on to say that there were only 8 hits so far in 2014. Ms. St. John attributes two of those hits to the microburst that occurred in July and to a major fire in Lexington. Because reverse flow had to take place during both of these incidents, it churned up sediment and elevated the level of Coliform. Ms. St. John reiterated that Coliform is not a health concern and does not make the water unsafe to drink. Coliform suggests that bacteria could grow if not treated. Because of the diligence of the Department of Public Works and the cooler temperatures this summer, the Coliform levels have dropped dramatically.

**15-54            Historic Properties Preservation Fund Request  
                     Old Burying Ground South Wall Repair**

Ms. St. John presented the Selectmen with a request to repair the southern wall along the Old Burying Ground. Ms. St. John indicated that significant improvements had been made to the Old Burying Ground approximately 10-15 years ago but the southern wall needed to have maintenance at this time. Ms. St. John stated that both the Historic Preservation Committee and the Community Preservation Committee had been informed of the intent to request these funds for this project.

**Mr. Rosenberg made a motion to approve the amount of \$22,500 to be utilized from the Historic Properties Preservation Fund to cover the expense of the reconstruction of the stone wall along the southern side of the Old Burial Ground. Mr. Siegenthaler seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 5-0-0.**

**At this time, Ms. Fedele left the Meeting due to her family relationship to a Bedford Firefighter.**

**15-55            Proposed FY15 Operating Budget & Ambulance Enterprise Fund  
                     Amendments  
                     Fire Department Paramedic Services**

Finance Director Victor Garofalo and Fire Chief David Grunes presented the Selectmen with a proposed Fiscal Year 2015 Operating Budget and Ambulance Enterprise Fund Amendments. The Town is looking towards providing paramedic services to its residents. It is the Fire Departments hope to hire four new firefighters and have them trained on paramedic services. In order to fund this project, Mr. Garofalo and Chief Grunes are proposing to use money from the Ambulance Enterprise Fund to pay for this service over the next five years. Mr. Garofalo and Chief Grunes anticipate that by Fiscal Year 2020, this service will be self-sufficient and able to pay back the Ambulance Enterprise Fund. Mr. Garofalo assumed a 2.5% increase in revenue and expenses.

After a lengthy discussion, it was determined that the Selectmen would like more time to decide how they would like to proceed.

Mr. Reed stated that the point in presenting the information was to familiarize the Selectmen with the budget with the hopes of making this an article on the Warrant for Special Town Meeting in November.

## **15-59            Open Discussion and Selectmen Liaison Reports**

Mr. Rosenberg stated that he would be attending the Hanscom Air Force Base update in October and wanted to know if anyone else would be attending. Chair Fleischman said she too received the invitation and would most likely attend.

Mr. Moonan noted that the Historic District Commission met the previous week. A developer has shown interest in purchasing the Reed/Bacon House on the corner of Maple and Elm Street. Mr. Moonan went on to say that Bedford has been discovered as a wonderful town to live in due to its good schools and tax rates. Mr. Moonan is concerned that if developers come in and tear down historic homes to make room for newer ones, that Bedford would lose part of its history and he wanted to make the Selectmen mindful of the harm in doing this.

Chair Fleischman indicated that the Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan Committee would have a booth set up on Bedford Day in an effort to get community input on the topic of walking and bicycling in Bedford. Chair Fleischman said there would be a website designed to get more insight into this topic. The Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan Committee will compile the data for analysis.

Finally Chair Fleischman stated that the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) wanted to get feedback from the Selectmen on their disposition on the MEP for Town Hall. Specifically, the CPC wanted to know how much of the project the Selectmen would want to bond to fund the project.

Mr. Moonan stated that he was under the impression from Facilities Director Taissir Alani that there would be some modifications to the plan which would change the total cost of the project. Chair Fleischman agreed with Mr. Moonan's assertion that the project scope could change but felt that it was only the cost of updating the HVAC system that might fluctuate. Mr. Moonan went on to say that not all of the projects needed to be done simultaneously.

Mr. Siegenthaler asked if the entire MEP project was eligible for Community Preservation Funding. Mr. Reed indicated that it was. The Selectmen decided that before they made a decision on bonding this project, they would want to know the exact cost.

**Mr. Moonan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Siegenthaler seconded the motion.**

**The motion passed 4-0-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.